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TO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJ: CARIBBEAN SAR CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF NOTE ACTION

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ADDRESSEES SHOULD DELIVER TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE.

BEGIN TEXT. "...AND REFERS TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF (DATE) CONCERNING THE DECISION OF THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMON-WEALTH CARIBBEAN TO INVITE ALL THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CARIBBEAN, AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA, TO A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PORT OF SPAIN JULY 26-28 TO DISCUSS AND FORMULATE AN OVERALL AND ACCEPTABLE PLAN FOR PROVIDING SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES IN THE REGION.

THE EMBASSY WISHES TO ASSURE THE MINISTRY THAT THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES AND WELCOMES THE INTEREST OF THE CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS IN MAXIMIZING REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS AND IN ACHIEVING THE MOST EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF THE REGION'S SEARCH AND RESCUE RESOURCES.

THE EMBASSY IS ALSO PLEASED TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT CONTRARY TO THE IMPRESSION THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED, THE UNITED STATES SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY HAS NOT BEEN REDUCED. WHILE THE RESOURCES OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN RESTRUCTURED, THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE UPON THE CAPABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE HAS BEEN TO MAINTAIN IT AT THE SAME LEVEL WHILE INCREASING ITS ABILITY FOR RESCUE AND RECOVERY.

PRIOR TO THE HOLDING OF A CONFERENCE IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL TO ADDRESS THE POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE LATELY ARISEN REGARDING UNITED STATES SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY. SPECIFICALLY IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. PLANS AND CAPABILITIES AND ATTAIN SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF A SUBSEQUENT REGIONAL CONFERENCE.

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THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26-28 AT PORT OF SPAIN BE POSTPONED FOR THE PRESENT. INSTEAD WE SUGGEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THAT A SERIES OF COMMUNICATIONS AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL BE INITIATED BETWEEN THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND ITS COUNTERPART IN YOUR GOVERNMENT. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO BEGIN TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS

IN THIS MATTER AS SOON AS IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY
CONVENIENT TO THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. IN
THIS WAY EACH CAN APPRISE THE OTHER OF ITS CAPABILITIES
AND METHODS OF OPERATION REGARDING FUTURE SEARCH AND
RESCUE CAPABILITIES, EXCHANGE VIEWS GENERALLY ON THE
SUBJECT, AND FORMULATE SUCH PROBLEMS MIGHT ARISE FOR
REFERENCE TO A REGIONAL CONFERENCE.

THE EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THE UNITED STATES
DESIRES TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
CARIBBEAN IN THIS AREA OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND HOPES THAT
THE MINISTRY WILL FIND ACCEPTABLE THE FOREGOING
PROPOSAL." END QUOTE.

2. FOR KINGSTON: SINCE GOJ NOTE MENTIONED NEITHER PR NOR
USVI NO WRITTEN OR ORAL REPRESENTATION REGARDING THE IN-
APPROPRIATENESS OF SEPARATE INVITATIONS TO THEM NEED BE
MADE.
3. FOR POS: HOPEFULLY WORD OF OUR RESPONSE TO GUYANA WILL
HAVE DETERRED ANY CONTEMPLATED DIRECT APPROACH BY GOTT TO
PC AND USVI. WHILE WE WOULD NOT WISH TO MAKE PRESENTATION

ON THIS SUBJECT UNLESS GOTT RAISES IT WITH US, IF YOU
BELIEVE GOTT DIRECT APPROACH TO PR AND USVI ON THIS OR ON
SIMILAR MATTERS IN THE FUTURE NONETHELESS LIKELY, YOU
SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BUT NOT SEEK SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE GOTT AWARE WE WOULD CONSIDER SUCH ACTION
INAPPROPRIATE. IN DOING SO YOU MAY DRAW ON POINTS OUT-
LINED IN STATE 126336.

4. FOR GEORGETOWN: BELIEVE REPRESENTATIONS REPORTED IN
GEORGETOWN 979 SUFFICIENT AND THERE IS NO NEED TO RAISE
AGAIN QUESTION OF PR AND USVI.

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5. FOR BRIDGETOWN: SINCE GOB NOTE REGARDING PR AND USVI
DID NOT EXPLICITLY SUGGEST THAT PR AND USVI SHOULD
RECEIVE SEPERATE INVITATIONS, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD GO NO
FURTHER THAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE GOB AWARE THAT IT USG RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE
THE APPROPRIATENESS OF PUERTO RICO AND US VIRGIN ISLAND
REPRESENTATION ON US DELEGATIONS TO REGIONAL CONFERENCES.

6. FOR BRASILIA: REFTELS BEING REPEATED TO YOU FYI.
GDS ROGERS

NOTE BY OCT: POUCHED.

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